PROGRAM DATES: The program will officially begin on Sunday evening, August 3, 2014 with an informal orientation in Amsterdam, and classes will end on Friday, August 22, 2014. Students will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements in order to arrive in Amsterdam on Sunday, August 3, 2014.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The program is coordinated by the NIU Study Abroad Office (SAO) in cooperation with the Northern Illinois University Department of History. The program focuses on the history of the Europe (especially the Netherlands) and on its colonial interactions with the rest of the world (especially Indonesia). The program is based in Amsterdam and will use that city, its museums, culture and resident experts to narrate the history of Europe and Europeans abroad.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: Students will become educated in the issues of European and European colonial history. They will learn to understand and interpret historical documents, review relevant historical literature from other scholars and produce original historical research.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Eric Jones. Professor Jones has lived for years in the Netherlands while conducting research on Dutch/Indonesian colonial history. He received his PhD from the University of California at Berkeley under renown Dutch historian Jan de Vries with a primary field in Early Modern European history. In 2000, he was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to the Netherlands where he was affiliated with Leiden University and National Archives of the Netherlands. He is a fluent Dutch speaker and has also worked as a professional translator. His recent book, *Wives, Slaves and Concubines: A History of the Female Underclass in Dutch Asia* examined the role of Dutch law and Asian slavery. His current research is a monograph on the history of the preeminent global trading firm, the Dutch East India Company or VOC.
The Netherlands: Context for the program. The Netherlands is a country located in northwest Europe, bordering the North Sea, between Belgium and Germany. It is a flat, low-lying country with 27% of its area and 60% of its population below sea level, as such it is a world leader in land reclamation and dike building. Twelve provinces comprise the Netherlands with Holland (ie, North Holland and South Holland) being the largest population centers and home to the country’s capital, Amsterdam, and its seat of government, The Hague or Den Haag. Though a relatively small country (16.7 million people living in an area less than 1/3 the size of Illinois) the Netherlands has had a disproportionate global influence. The Netherlands was the global economic juggernaut of the 17th century and was the site of the first modern economy, the world’s first joint stock company and first multinational corporation. Today, the Netherlands has a highly developed economy and is home to corporations such as Unilever, Heineken, ING, Shell and Philips. Well known for their picturesque windmills, tulips and wooden shoes, the Dutch also gave birth to historical luminaries such as Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh, Erasmus, Spinoza, Leeuwenhoek and Anne Frank.

Amsterdam: Site of the program. Amsterdam is a world-class modern city that still retains a 17th century style, charm and beauty. UNESCO’s lists its gorgeous canals as a world heritage site. During its ‘Golden Age’ in the 1600s, Amsterdam became the wealthiest city in the world and the major transit center for European goods and Asian spices. It was spared mass destruction in Europe’s wars of religion and later World Wars and has become a major travel destination. It is also home to some of the finest museums anywhere, which we will make almost daily use of. Students reside in a guesthouse in the city center and our classroom settings entail a mix of traditional instruction and on-site, in the field coursework.

ACADEMIC CREDIT: For satisfactory participation in the program, participants will receive three semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit in History courses HIST 422 - Early Modern Europe. The courses taken while participating in this program cannot be audited.

HONORS CREDIT: Qualified students may also elect to receive Honors credit for any study abroad course(s) with the approval of the NIU faculty or instructor responsible for the course. For more information please contact the University Honors Office.

IMPORTANT: Students will be registered for course credit for the Fall 2014 semester.
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**PROGRAM AUDIENCE:** Although this is an academic program, it has been designed with a variety of audiences in mind. Non-traditional students (i.e., professionals, individuals with an interest in this subject matter, etc.) as well as currently enrolled students are encouraged to participate in this program. All participants will receive academic credit, and students who are not currently enrolled in an academic program at NIU will be enrolled as visiting students (at the undergraduate level) or Students-at-Large (at the graduate level).

**ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS:** A typical day for student entails a mixture of in-class and out of class lectures, activities and presentations. Much of the daytime, M-F will be occupied coursework-related events. Students are free to travel where they wish on the weekend at their own expense. Every corner of Europe is within easy reach by train/plane, making weekend visits to Paris, London, Rome, etc possible. Students will write a formal paper upon return to the U.S. This paper will be due by no later than September 15, 2014. **Applicants must participate in the entire program and satisfy NIU undergraduate or graduate admission and course requirements.**

**HEALTH:** Maintaining good health is of paramount importance when studying overseas. Changes in climate and the fast pace of travel may cause health problems abroad. When considering a study abroad program it is important for students to be aware of the things that can affect their health, thereby permitting students to enjoy their time abroad more fully.

**NIU ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** The program is open to individuals who have an interest in the areas of history, culture, globalization and imperialism. Currently enrolled students must meet NIU Graduate School and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GPA requirements. NIU Students on academic probation during the semester prior to the program are not eligible for participation.

For undergraduate students to be admitted to the program, an applicant's official transcript must be on file in the Study Abroad Office. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript; the Study Abroad Office will make this request on behalf of the applicant. Students who want to participate in the program and earn academic credit from NIU who have not previously enrolled at NIU, or who are not currently enrolled at NIU, should ask the registrar at their home institution to forward an official
transcript as soon as possible to the Study Abroad Office. (Student-issued and photocopied transcripts are not acceptable.) Questions relating to the admission requirements or transcripts should be directed to the NIU Study Abroad Office.

Students who desire to obtain graduate credit must either be admitted to a graduate program within the NIU Graduate School, or be admitted to the status of a "student-at-large" (SAL) within NIU's Graduate School. For students to be admitted to the program for graduate credit, the applicant's official transcript must be on file in the NIU SAO. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript. However, students who will participate in the program in order to earn academic credit as an SAL (students who have not currently enrolled nor previously enrolled at NIU) must provide a transcript from the baccalaureate institution and from any institution at which graduate credit has been earned. This document must be provided to the SAO before a student can be admitted as an SAL to the program. (Students issues and photocopied transcripts are not acceptable.)

NIU Students cannot have any encumbrances against their records. Any encumbrances placed on a student’s records by NIU (i.e., the Graduate School, Undergraduate Admissions, Bursar’s Office, Accounts Receivable, Registration and Records, Health Services, Parking Services, etc.) must be cleared before a student is granted admission to a study abroad program.

APPLICATION: Click History of the Netherlands and European Colonialism or visit the NIU Study Abroad Office website at https://niu.studioabroad.com (and search for “The Netherlands” or the History of The Netherlands and European Colonialism program) to begin the online application process for this program. The online process provides guidance on requesting information, advising, or applying for the program. Please note that at the time of application, applicants will be expected to submit a signature verification form and copy of their ID to the Study Abroad Office. More detailed instructions can be found on the https://niu.studioabroad.com website or by contacting the Study Abroad Office at (815) 753-0700 or niuabroad@niu.edu.

$200 APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT: A $200 application fee/deposit is required of all applicants. The $200 is broken down into $100 for the non-refundable application fee and $100 for a program deposit. Both the application fee and the deposit will be applied to the total balance of the program cost. The $100 deposit is refundable only if the participant withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline indicated on the program materials or for medical reasons verified by a physician if the withdrawal takes place after the withdrawal deadline.

The $200 application fee/deposit will be charged to NIU students’ NIU Bursar's account. (Checks and money orders cannot be accepted from NIU students.) Non-NIU students must submit a check or money order in the amount of $200. More detailed instructions regarding the application fee/deposit can be found on the seminar application website.

IMPORTANT – All applications will be categorized as “Pending – No Deposit” until the $200 application fee/deposit has been received (or, in the case of non-NIU students, once a check has been received). The Study Abroad Office will not consider or process applications without the $200 application fee/deposit. In order to reserve your place in the program you must submit the $200 deposit within 14 days of application. After 14 days applications without a deposit will be inactivated.
**FINAL DATE FOR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM:** April 15, 2014. Space is limited so early application is strongly encouraged.

**TRANSATLANTIC TRANSPORTATION:** Individuals will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements between the U.S. and Amsterdam and for purchasing their own tickets from a travel agent or airline of their choice. (Travel insurance is recommended.) Participants should keep in mind that in order to arrive in Amsterdam in time for the official beginning of the program (August 3), they should plan to depart the U.S. no later than August 1.

**HOUSING AND MEALS:** Students will stay in shared, double occupancy rooms at an Amsterdam guesthouse/hotel as part of the program. The program does not include meals and students are responsible for their own food costs.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION:** Program-related transportation is provided as part of the NIU program cost and each student will have use of a bicycle that will be our main mode of transportation in Amsterdam.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Students will travel by bicycle or public transportation. Most admission fees required for entry into the various studios and cultural/historical sites to be visited as part of the final daily schedule of activities will be paid as part of the NIU program cost.

**PASSPORT:** --IMPORTANT-- All participants are required to possess a valid passport by April 30, 2014. Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas. Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately upon acceptance into the program. (Applicants applying after April 30, 2014 may need to request expedited services or apply in person at the Chicago Passport Agency. If applicants are not within the Chicago area, they must apply at the nearest passport agency.) Information on acquiring a U.S. passport is available at the U.S. State Department’s website: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738_2.html.

**VISA:** A visa is not required for U.S. passport holders who will be in The Netherlands for a tourist or business stay of up to three months. Non-U.S. passport holders may need a special visa for travel in The Netherlands and are responsible for making the necessary inquiries and for the visa application process.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD: The International Student Identity Card is optional and can be purchased through the NIU Study Abroad Office. The International Student Identity Card also includes a limited health and accident insurance policy which is only valid outside the U.S. Students will have to pay bills at the time of treatment and will be reimbursed later.

PASSPORT AND ISIC PHOTOS: You may have your passport and/or ISIC photo(s) taken in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Photos are $3.00 for the first photo and $2.00 for each photo after that. After the first two photos, photos must be purchased in multiples of two. Photos are usually developed while you wait. Study Abroad Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed over the lunch hour) and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

NIU STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN: NIU requires all study abroad students to be covered under the NIU Student Health Insurance Plan. The premium has been paid as part of the NIU program costs. Enrollment in this plan is mandatory and will not be waived.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/VACCINATIONS: There are no health requirements and no vaccinations are required for travel to The Netherlands. The NIU University Health Service can advise on recommended typical immunizations and administer most immunizations.

NIU PROGRAM COST: The program cost pays for the following cost related services:

- Housing during the period August 3 to August 22 (20 nights).
- Most travel and admission fees required during program related field trips.
- Three (3) semester hours of undergraduate or graduate credit.
- NIU major medical insurance.

PROGRAM COST: $5,135

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. Northern Illinois University reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program.

Non-NIU students should consult with their home institutions regarding additional costs that may apply to study abroad. Non-NIU students are responsible for any study abroad charges imposed by their home institution.

ADDITIONAL COST TO PARTICIPANTS:

- Cost of acquiring an American passport (approximately $135)
- Roundtrip airfare between the U.S. and Amsterdam
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner (estimated $15-$25 per day)
- $40 Undergraduate application fee (Non-NIU undergraduate students only)
- Entrance fees and transportation for free-time pursuits
- Purchases of a personal nature
- Independent travel

NIU UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION FEE: (Applies to Non-NIU students only):
There is a $40 non-refundable Undergraduate Application fee for students applying to NIU for the first time. If you are currently enrolled at NIU as a degree-seeking undergraduate student, you are not required to submit this payment.

If you are applying to NIU for the first time you will be provided with a link in your acceptance packet that will guide you to the online NIU Undergraduate Application. In the online application you will be asked to pay the $40 application fee by credit card or check.

FINANCIAL AID: As a participant in a study abroad program through NIU, you may be eligible for: Pell Grant, SEOG, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, MAP Award or your privately awarded scholarship with consent of awarding organization. Tuition waivers do not apply. Please contact Pamela Rosenberg, International Programs Business Administrative Assistant, in Williston Hall 417, (815) 753-9530, prosenberg@niu.edu for more information.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM: Applicants withdrawing from the program after April 15, 2014 will not be refunded the $100 program deposit.

Applicants withdrawing from the program after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated or paid to overseas vendors and agents on the applicant’s behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the $100 deposit or additional payments, and if the applicant is applying for financial aid.

If the applicant must withdraw after April 15, 2014 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

1) The request is submitted to the Study Abroad Office in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician’s letterhead; and
2) NIU is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.

CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM: The Study Abroad Office reserves the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for The Netherlands, all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for The Netherlands, students will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR CANCEL THIS PROGRAM AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY!

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Course Syllabus

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HIST 442
Summer 2014
Overseas Program:
August 3–August 22, 2014

Study Abroad Amsterdam: History of the Netherlands and European Colonialism

Course Description:
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Faculty Spotlight:
Professor Jones has lived for years in the Netherlands while conducting research on Dutch/Indonesian colonial history. He received his PhD from the University of California at Berkeley under renown Dutch historian Jan de Vries with a primary field in Early Modern European history. In 2000, he was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to the Netherlands where he was affiliated with Leiden University and National Archives of the Netherlands. He is a fluent Dutch speaker and has also worked as a professional translator. His recent book, Wives, Slaves and Concubines: A History of the Female Underclass in Dutch Asia examined the role of Dutch law and Asian slavery. His current research is a monograph on the history of the preeminent global trading firm, the Dutch East India Company or VOC.

Formal Requirements and Procedures:
The course format will consist of formal lectures, discussion to address readings and course material. Grades will be based on quizzes, attendance, participation, map tests, journal submissions and a research paper.

Required readings:

- Anne Goldgar, Tulipmania: Money, Honor, and Knowledge in the Dutch Golden Age (University Of Chicago Press, 2008)
Week 1
Lecture at:
    Amsterdam Museum
    Rijksmuseum
    Maritime Museum
    Museum Geelvinck Hinlopen Huis
    Museum Van Loon
Assignments:
Daily research journals, reading summaries, research prospectus due

Week 2
Lecture at:
    Museum Amstelkring - Our Lord in the Attic
    Rembrandt's House
    Tropical Museum
    Royal Palace Amsterdam
    Old Church & New Church
Assignments:
Daily research journals, primary source summaries, revised prospectus due

Week 3
Lecture at:
    Van Gogh Museum
    Diamond Museum
    Jewish Historical Museum
    Resistance Museum
    Anne Frank House
    Stedelijk Museum
Assignments:
Daily research journals, document based question essays, final prospectus due

Final paper due September 15, 2014